

**HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 24, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a Commissioners Meeting on March 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Heard County Courthouse. In attendance at the meeting were Commission Chair June Jackson, District 1 Commissioner Karen Isenhower, District 2 Commissioner Lee Boone, District 3 Commissioner Gwen Caldwell, District 4 Commissioner Frank Crook, District 5 Commissioner Sandi Allen, and County Attorney Jerry Ann Conner. Commission Chair Jackson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Commissioner Allen gave the invocation. Commission Chair Jackson welcomed the Heard County Youth Leadership Group to the meeting.

Agenda Item # 3 – Approval of Minutes – On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously approved the minutes from March 10, 2009 with one correction to page 2.

Agenda Item # 4 – Public Comments – Mr. David Julien, Recreation Director reported that the controlled burn behind the covered arena was a success and he would like to thank Mr. Robert Nelms, Georgia Forestry, the Heard County Saddle Club, and the Heard County Fire Department for all their hard work. Commission Chair Jackson also thanked Mr. Julien for all his hard work in helping to make the burn a success.

Agenda Item # 5 – Amend Agenda – Commission Chair Jackson asked to amend New Business to include “e” – Discuss Heard County Development Authority Project. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item #6 – Old Business - a. Report on Heard County Sports Complex – Mr. King Evans, Clough Harbour & Associates – Mr. King Evans reported that the roof leaks at the new gymnasium are being repaired by a new contractor this week. He also

stated that he would personally handle the landscaping in the island in front of the gym. He recommended not paying the outstanding pay requests to Headley Construction, Sports Turf and Clough Harbour & Associates. Commissioner Caldwell stated that he visited the Sports Complex recently and was very concerned about the water standing at the back door of the gym. David Julien stated that the detention ponds had been cleaned out and that the water is flowing into the pond correctly now and not backing up at the back door. He also stated that the storm drain was blocked and that Sports Turf is correcting this problem.

b. Approve Pay Requests for Sports Complex – Postponed.

c. Approve Pay Requests for Road & Bridge Project – Commission Chair Jackson presented a pay request for \$10,684.89 from Clough Harbour & Associates for transportation engineering services which include the Thompson Road pavement rehabilitation project, the local bridge replacement project, and the local culvert replacement project at Deer Creek and Denney Creek. On motion (Allen) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request.

d. Report from Arena Committee – Commissioner Lee Boone – Commissioner Boone reported that the Arena Committee met recently to discuss the details on the Arena rules and regulations. He stated that this should be finalized by the next meeting. He also stated that the Committee would like to recommend fencing the arena for safety and security reasons. On motion (Boone) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously voted to bid out the fencing of the arena.

e. Discuss Purchasing Radios – Chief Scott Blue – Chief Scott Blue presented three bids for the new radios for public safety. The bids were as follows:

Motorola State Contract Pricing	-	\$322,860.00
Motorola Sale Price	-	\$290,260.00
EF Johnson	-	\$290,506.65

Chief Blue explained that the Motorola sale price is only good through tomorrow, and will save the County approximately \$32,600.00. After some discussion, on motion (Allen) and second (Crook), the Board unanimously gave Chief Blue the authorization to purchase the radios from Motorola for the sale price of \$290,260.00.

Agenda Item # 7 – New Business – a. Discuss Purchase of New Patrol Cars – Sheriff

Ross Henry – Captain Jane Olinger presented three bids to the Board for three 2009 Ford Crown Victorias with Police Interceptor package. The bids were as follows:

Allan Vigil Ford	-	\$20,337.00 per vehicle / 3 vehicles = \$61,011.00
Brannen Ford	-	\$20,997.00 per vehicle / 3 vehicles = \$62,991.00
Richard Haney Ford	-	\$22,889.00 per vehicle / 3 vehicles = \$68,667.00

Cpt. Olinger explained that there are three patrol cars that have close to 230,000 miles on them and they will be used as spares when the new vehicles come in. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously voted to purchase three patrol cars from Allan Vigil Ford for a total of \$61,011.00.

b. Discuss Use of Transit Vans for July 4th Celebration – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Chamber of Commerce has asked that the County supply a transit van for the July 4th celebration this year, which is being held on Saturday, July 4th. She stated that in the past, the County provided the van and the gas and the Chamber paid the driver. The Chamber has agreed to this arrangement for this year also. On motion (Allen) and second (Isenhower), the Board unanimously voted to provide the van and gas for the July 4th celebration.

c. Discuss Providence Road Spur – Commission Chair Jackson stated that Melanie Evans with the Department of Transportation (DOT) recently contacted her about two roads that need to be named in Heard County. She explained that these two small roads resulted from the new Highway 27. She explained that Providence Road was relocated a little south of the old Providence Road which left part of old Providence Road from Ricky Walston’s house down to his shop (plus a little more) which is still County property. Also the spur from New Providence across to old Providence is being considered as County property. She suggested Old Providence Road Spur and Old Providence Road as names for these two small roads. On motion (Boone) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously approved naming these two small roads Old Providence Road Spur and Old Providence Road.

d. Discuss Abandonment of Young Property on Frolona Road – County Attorney, Jerry Ann Conner explained that the County received a request from the Estate of Elizabeth Young Bailey regarding property on Frolona Road that belonged to Ms. Bailey’s father John D. Young. She explained that a survey performed on the property of Mr. Young has revealed that the northern property line’s reference to Frolona Road actually was the old Frolona Road, previously dirt. In January of 1954, the State of Georgia obtained a 40 foot strip of property that is now the current Frolona Road right of way. The affect of moving the roadway approximately 96 feet north of the former dirt road has created a splinter tract, which has cut off much of the road frontage for John D. Young’s Estate and has a potential impact on the Estate of Ms. Bailey. The Young family has used the former dirt Frolona Road as their driveway access since the road was moved north over 50 years ago. They are now requesting that Heard County approve and execute a quitclaim deed for any rights the County may have to the tract containing 0.60 acres and the old dirt road formally known as Frolona Road. She explained that the County would need to decide whether

or not to go through the abandonment process on these 0.60 acres and convey this property back to the Young family. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously approved this request to proceed with the abandonment process.

e. Discuss Development Authority Project – Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Heard County Development Authority has recently requested Heard County’s assistance in clearing a lot in the Franklin Industrial Park. She stated that she spoke with Donald Rogers, Chairman of the Development Authority and explained to him that they must first prepare, or have prepared, a site plan, and apply with EPD for a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit and have the timber removed from the property before the Heard County Road Department can begin. She stated that Road Superintendent, Jerry Daniel stated that the project would take approximately three to four weeks to complete. On motion (Crook) and second (Caldwell), the Board unanimously approved this request.

Agenda Item # 8 – Executive Session – Commission Chair Jackson asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. On motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. On motion (Isenhower) and second (Boone), the Board unanimously agreed to return to Open Session. Commission Chair Jackson stated that the Board discussed personnel in Executive Session. There being no further business, on motion (Caldwell) and second (Allen), the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.